Description of graphic: RI State Seal an anchor in gold behind a blue wheelchair logo. Just below is a blue banner with the state motto "Hope". All are in the center of a ring of 8 blue stars, in groups of 2 separated by the logos for Braille, hearing aids, low vision and amplified phone.

Governor's Commission on Disabilities
Legislation Committee
Monday January 9, 2012 3-4:30 PM

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meeting graphic	**Attendees:** Linda Ward (Chair.); Rosemary C. Carmody; Joseph Cirillo; Julie DeRosa;; Kathleen Heren; Arthur M. Plitt; Theresa Thoelke; Meredith Sheehan; & Angelina Stabile **Absentees:** William R. Inlow (Vice Chair.); Ray Bandusky; Rebecca Boss; Sharon Brinkworth; Linda Deschenes; Sarah Everhart Skeels; Timothy Flynn; Elaina Goldstein; Roger Harris; Maureen Maigret; Kate McCarthy-Barnett; Paula Parker; Gwendolyn Reeve; Joseph Reppucci; & Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin
Staff:	Bob Cooper, Jessica Burrows

	Agenda Topics	Moderator/Leader	Time
Clock graphic	**Call to Order and Acceptance of the Minutes**	**Linda Ward, Chairperson**	**3:00**
	Chair calls the meeting to order at 3:08 PM Introductions of Commissioners and guests		
MOTION: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented TT/KH passed unanimously			

	Action Items:		
table graphic	Reports from the Legislative Teams - Progress on Finalizing Bills' Text	Team Conveners	3:05
	Purpose/Goal: To complete the drafting of Commission legislation		
	Discussion:		

Legislative Deadlines	Date
Last Day for Senate Public Bill Introduction	Thursday, February 16th
Last Day for House Public Bill Introduction	Thursday, February 16th
Winter Recess	February 20 - 24th
Reconvene	Tuesday, February 28th
Last Day for Senate Committee Consideration of Senate Bills	Thursday, April 12th
Initial House Bill Hearing Deadline for House Committees	Thursday, April 12th
Spring Recess	April 16 - 20th
Reconvene	Tuesday, April 24th

Issue	Team Members

Crisis Intervention Services	Linda Ward*; Terry Thoelke; Meredith Sheehan; Arthur Plitt; Rory Carmody; & Bill Inlow
Transportation	Rory Carmody*; Msgr. Gerard O. Sabourin; & Angelina Stabile; & Bill Inlow; Potential member: Judi Drew
Global Medicaid Consumer Choice Waiver	Sharon Brinkworth*; Arthur Plitt*; Linda Ward; Potential members: Dawn Wardykga (RIPIN); Joanne Quinn (Autism Project); URI College of Pharmacy
Housing Supports	Linda Ward*Joe Cirillo;
Transition from Youth Services	Julie DaRosa*; potential members
Neighborhood notification	Joe Cirillo*; potential members Tim Flynn
Specialty Drug Coverage in Tier 3	Arthur Plitt; Kathleen Heren; Jon DuPre; Meredith Sheehan (for Gwen Reeve); Potential member: URI College of Pharmacy
Disability Business Enterprise Program	Terry Thoelke*; Potential member: Sue Babin (DDC) & Ann Frank (PAL)
Disability Pension Systems to Reemployment	Bill Inlow; Elaina Goldstein; Potential member: Judi Drew

Secretary of State's Website for Lobbyists & Lobbying http://www.sos.ri.gov/publicinfo/lobbying/

State law requires Legislative and Executive Branch lobbyists, lobbying firms and their clients to register with us and to report a variety of data regarding their activities. Our searchable database includes the name of every registered lobbyist as well as their issues, compensation and clients.

Register As A Lobbyist»
Search Lobbying Reports »
File a Lobbying Report »

Am I a Lobbyist?

Do you "engage in acting directly or soliciting others to act for the purpose of promoting, opposing, amending, or influencing in any manner the passage by the general assembly of any legislation or the action on that legislation by the governor as the appointed representative of another?" If yes, then you are probably a lobbyist who is required to register with us.

There are five exemptions:

- People who advocate on their own behalf or testify at the request of a legislative committee or general officer
- People whose sole lobbying activity is testifying at a public hearing of a legislative committee or commission on behalf of a nonprofit organization and who receive no compensation from that nonprofit organization and for whom that organization expends no funds related to the appearance
- People engaged solely in drafting legislation
- Elected officials or their designees acting in their official capacity
- News media executives or their employees or agents who in the ordinary course of business directly or indirectly urge legislative action, if they do not engage in any other lobbying activities in connection with that action.

If you are still unsure whether you are a lobbyist under the law, consult an attorney to determine if you meet the requirements to register as a lobbyist.

I was a lobbyist last year. Do I need to re-register?

It depends. If you were a standard, limited, or governmental lobbyist last year, then you will need to re-

register this year. If you were an executive lobbyist last year, you are still an executive lobbyist. There is no re-registration required.

Registering As A Lobbyist:

Registering as a Lobbyist using the LobbyTracker system is a 4 step process. However, before registering as a lobbyist, the entity and the lobbyist must have created accounts and updated contact information. Also, if the lobbyists is associated with a lobby firm, that association must be made before registration can take place. If you created accounts for a previous session, you will use the same usernames and passwords - skip to Step 1.

Creating An Account

The first step for every person using LobbyTracker to register and file reports is to create your account. This is done on the welcome page.

1. Click the "Create Account" tab at the top of the page.
2. Enter your desired username.
3. Enter your desired password and confirm it - be sure to select a password that will be easy for you to remember but difficult for others to figure out.
4. Select your user type
    1. Select Entity if you are an individual or organization that is using the services of a lobbyist or lobby firm
    2. Select Lobby Firm if you are the individual filing reports of behalf of a lobby firm
    3. Select Lobbyist if you are an individual that is performing the lobbying duties, whether as an employee of a lobby firm, an employee of an entity or a contract lobbyist that does not associate with a firm.
5. Click Create New Account
   If your desired username is available, your account will be created, and you will be back on the welcome screen. Here, you can log in to the account using the username and password you just created. If your desired username is not available, you will be required to complete steps 2-5 again using a different username.

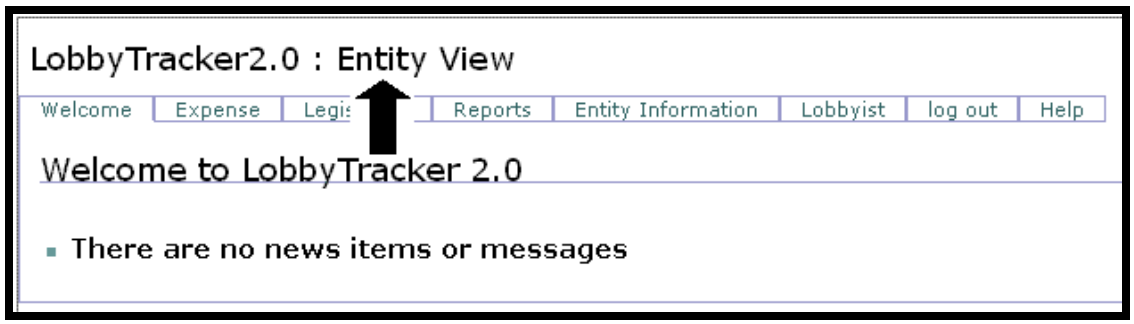
Logging In To The System

The default screen on the system if you are not currently logged in is the welcome screen.

On the welcome screen you can enter your username and password to login to the system.

If you cannot remember your password, you can click the "Forgot Your Password?" link to request that it be sent to the e-mail address entered when the account was created.

When you are logged in to the LobbyTracker system, you can tell if you are logged in as an entity, lobbyist or a lobby firm by looking at the top of the screen. If you are logged in as an entity, the title of the screen will show:



The title will change if you are logged in as an lobbyist or a lobby firm.

Contact Information

First thing you should do when you log in to LobbyTracker is update your contact information. This is done under the information tab at the top of the screen. If you are logged in as an entity, you will click on the Entity Information Tab. If you are logged in as a lobbyist, you will click on the Lobbyist Information Tab.Complete the form and click the Update button at the bottom of the screen. You can

edit this form at any time.

Linking a Lobbyist to a Lobby Firm

If a lobbyist has a relationship with an entity where the entity pays a business for lobbying and that business employs a lobbyist, the business is a lobby firm. The lobbyist will need to add an association to that lobby firm in the Lobby Tracker System.

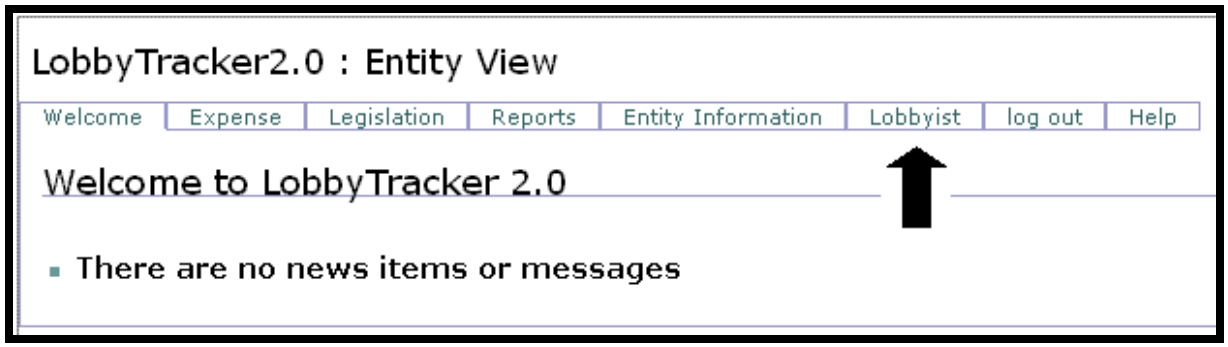
Log in to the LobbyTracker System as a Lobbyist.

Click on the Lobby Firms Tab. - **SKIP THIS STEP**

Step 1 - Entity Requests Lobbyist

Log in to LobbyTracker *as the entity*.

Click on the Lobbyist Tab.



You should see the request lobbyist screen.

LobbyTracker2.0 : Entity View

Welcome | Expense | Legislation | Reports | Entity Information | Lobbyist | log out | Help

Request Lobbyist

Lobby Firm:
Lobby Firm Name

Lobbyist Name:
Optional Lobbyist Name

Contact Email:
Optional email address of lobby firm or lobbyist

Dates of Lobbying:

Start Month	Start Day	Start Year		End Month	End Day	End Year
01	/ 03	/ 2006	-	10	/ 01	/ 2006

Compensation:
Amount of Compensation

Request Lobbyist

If you do not see this screen, click on the New *button at the bottom of the page.*

Complete the request lobbyist screen.

If there is no Lobby Firm in the relationship, leave that box blank. You must complete the compensation box. **If the lobbyist does not get compensated for lobbying, you can enter zero.** If compensation for lobbying is paid to the firm, please note that in the compensation box.

When you have completed the request lobbyist screen, click on the Request Lobbyist button. You will see a screen that gives you the Lobbyist Entity Request ID Number.

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Request Lobbyist

Request #290-1141062136

Lobby Firm:
Lobby Firm Name

Lobbyist Name:
Optional Lobbyist Name
Nathaniel Greene

Contact Email:
Optional email address of lobby firm or lobbyist
ngreene@test.com

Dates of Lobbying:

Start Month	Start Day	Start Year		End Month	End Day	End Year
01	/ 03	/ 2006	-	10	/ 01	/ 2006

Compensation:
Amount of Compensation
$500 per month

Request Lobbyist

It is best to write down that number or print this page. The lobbyist will need that number in step 2 to proceed. If you entered an e-mail address on the Lobbyist Request form, the number will also be sent to that e-mail address.

Log out of LobbyTracker

Step 2 - Lobbyist Accepts Lobbying Request

Log in to LobbyTracker *as the Lobbyist*.

Click on the Entity Management Tab.

LobbyTracker2.0 : Lobbyist View

Welcome | Expense | Legislation | Reports | Lobbyist Information | Lobby Firms | Entity Management | log out | Help

Welcome to LobbyTracker 2.0

- There are no news items or messages

On the Lobbyist Relationship Management Page, you will be able to enter the Lobbyist Entity Request ID. *You should have gotten this Request ID number from the entity, or via e-mail.*

LobbyTracker2.0 : Lobbyist View

Welcome | Reports | Lobbyist Information | Lobby Firms | Entity Management | log out | Help

Lobbying Relationship Management for Legislative Session 2006 Select

Entity Relationship Lobby Firm Start - End Dates Note

Lobbyist Entity Request ID:
Enter request Id to add relationship
lookup

When you have entered the Lobbyist Entity Request ID, click the lookup button.
You will see the Add Relationship Screen.

LobbyTracker2.0 : Lobbyist View

Welcome | Reports | Lobbyist Information | Lobby Firms | Entity Management | log out | Help

Lobbying Relationship Management : Add Relationship

Pending Nathaniel Greene acceptance

Entity Name:
Entity requesting lobbying services
Lobbying Entity

Lobby Firm:
Select sponsoring lobby firm or click on "New" to create a new lobby firm
-Employed by Entity- New

Relationship Type:
Choose type of relationship you have with this entity
Standard

Dates of Lobbying:

Start Month	Start Day	Start Year		End Month	End Day	End Year
01	03	2006	-	12	31	2006

Compensation:
Amount of Compensation
$500 per month

Lobbyist Entity Request ID:
Look up another request
290-1141062136 lookup

update

On this screen, you will update the important information about your lobbying relationship.

Entity Name - This will give the name of the entity that you will be lobbying for. If this box is blank, than the entity has not completed the Entity Information Screen.

Lobby Firm - Choose the lobby firm through which the lobbyist is lobbying. If there is no lobby firm, choose "-Employed by Entity-". Click here if you do not see your lobby firm in the list.

Relationship Type - Choose the type of lobbying relationship that you will have with the entity. The choices are Standard, Limited, Governmental or Executive. If you are lobbying for the same entity in two different relationship (e.g. Standard and Executive), you will need to complete the entire registration process twice.

Dates of Lobbying - These will be the dates that you will be a registered lobbyist. The start date should be the first day that you lobbied or will be lobbying. The end date will default to the last day of the year. That is because it is not known when the legislative session will end. Leaving the end date as December 31 will let the LobbyTracker system know that you will be registered until you file a final report. You can also make the end date earlier if you have a specific contract length.

Compensation - This is the compensation that was entered by the entity when they requested the lobbyist. It can be changed as this point if it is incorrect.

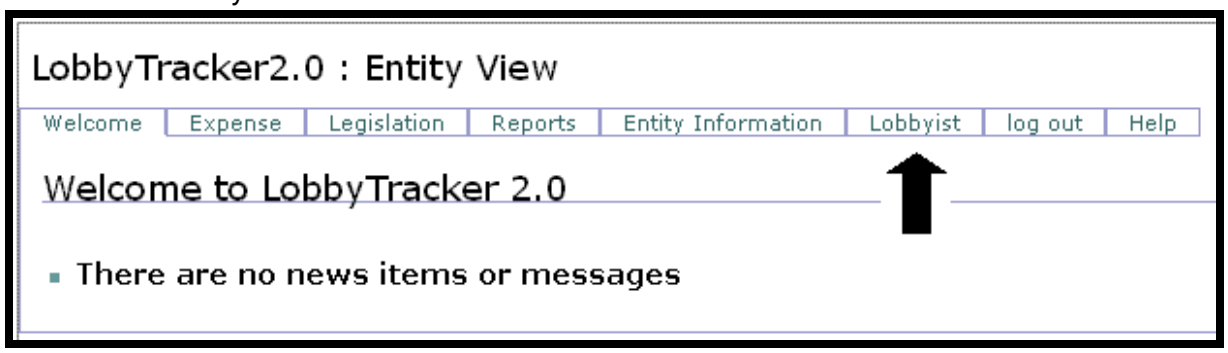
When you have verified that all information on this screen is correct, click the Update button.

Log out of LobbyTracker.

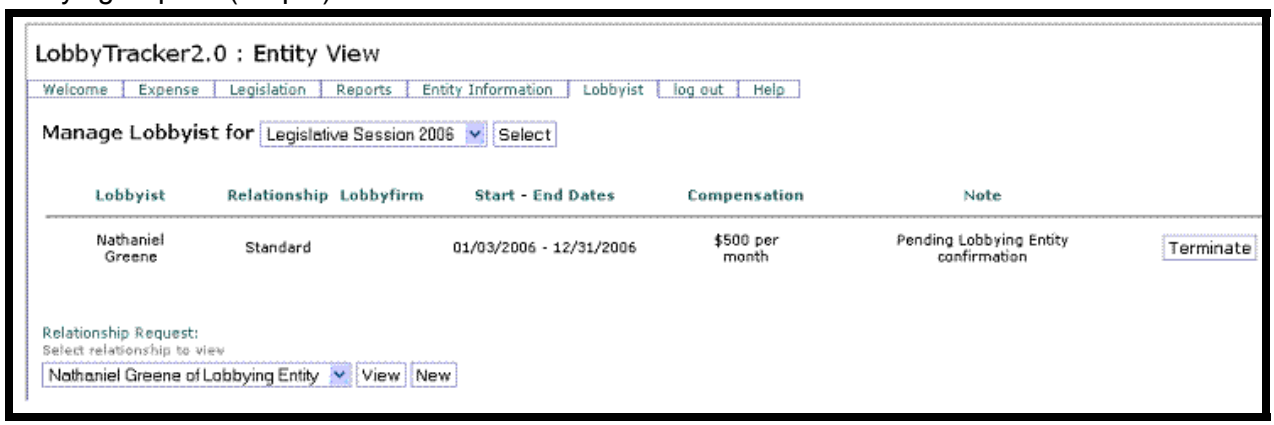
Step 3 - Entity Confirms Lobbyist

Log in to LobbyTracker *as the entity*.

Click on the Lobbyist Tab.



You will see the Lobbyist Management page, which will show your lobbyists that have accepted the lobbying request (Step 2).



In the drop down box under the Relationship Request heading, find the lobbyist that you need to confirm. Click the View button. This will bring up the Confirm Relationship Page.

LobbyTracker2.0 : Entity View

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Lobbying Relationship Management : Confirm Relationship

Pending Lobbying Entity confirmation

Lobbyist Name:
Lobbyist providing lobbying services
Nathaniel Greene

Lobby Firm:
Lobbying Entity

Relationship Type:
Standard

Dates of Lobbying:

Start Month	Start Day	Start Year		End Month	End Day	End Year
01	03	2006	-	12	31	2006

Compensation:
Amount of Compensation
$500 per month

Lobbyist Entity Request ID:
Look up another request
290-1141062136 lookup

Confirm

None of these fields can be changed; this form is for review only. If everything you see is correct, click the Confirm button. If there is information that is incorrect, please contact the Public Information Division for assistance.

When you click the confirm button, the Public Information Division and the Lobbyist will be notified that the lobbyist is registered. In addition the lobbyist will be reminded to pick up their badge and pay the registration fee (if necessary).

Step 4 - Lobbyist picks up badge and pays registration fee (if necessary)

Lobbyist Type	Needs Badge	Pay Registration Fee ($5.00)
Standard	Yes	Yes
Limited		
Governmental	Yes	**No Fee**
Executive		

Badges can be picked up at the Public Information Division, Room 38 - Basement Level in the State House.

Registration Fees can be paid by Cash or Check at the Public Information Division.

Committee members reviewed legislation that was introduced during the first week.

	H 7028 An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals - Rights For Persons With Developmental Disabilities by Rep O'Grady referred to House Finance This act would restore the authorized individual program plan rate for adults with developmental disabilities for the period of October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 to the rate in effect for the period of July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011.
☑ voting check off graphic	MOTION: To find beneficial **H 7028 An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals - Rights For Persons With Developmental Disabilities** KH/AS passed, recusal RC, LW
	H 7032 An Act Relating To Human Services -- Developmental Disabilities Funding by Rep. Hull referred to House Finance This act would restore the monthly share of supplementary assistance to the supplementary security income program for individuals living in state licensed assisted living residence: from $332 to $538.
☑ voting check off graphic	MOTION: To find beneficial **H 7032 An Act Relating To Human Services -- Developmental Disabilities Funding** AS/RC passed unanimously
	Joint Resolution Relating To Making Appropriations For The Support Of The State For The Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2012 by Rep. McNamara referred to House Finance This resolution authorizes the appropriation of the sum of $24,000,000 for services for adults with developmentally disabilities, for FY 12.
☑ voting check off graphic	MOTION: To find beneficial **H 7033 DD supplemental budget $24 million** AS/KH passed recusal RC, LW
	H 7034 Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of $15,000,000 For Services For The Developmentally Disabled by Rep. O'Grady, referred to House Finance This resolution authorizes the appropriation of the sum of $15,000,000 for services for adults with developmentally disabilities, for FY 12.
☑ voting check off graphic	MOTION: To find beneficial **H 7034 Joint Resolution Making An Appropriation Of $15,000,000 For Services For The Developmentally Disabled** AS/JD passed recusal RC, LW
	H 7035 An Act Relating To Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities And Hospitals - Rights For Persons With Developmental Disabilities by Rep. Guthrie referred to House Finance This act would restore: (a) the individual program plan rate for adults with developmental disabilities for the period of October 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011 to the rate in effect for the period of July 1, 2011 to September 30, 2011; and (b) the monthly share of supplementary assistance to the supplementary security income program for individuals living in state licensed assisted living residence: from $332 to $538. - tabled until the Feb. meeting

Announcer graphic	**Announcements**	**Linda Ward**	**4:20**
calendar graphic	**Agenda and Scheduling the Next Meeting**	**Linda Ward**	4:25
	Items to be placed on the next meeting's agenda:		

	Next meeting will be on: Feb 13th		
alarm clock graphic	Adjournment	Linda Ward	4:30
voting check off graphic	MOTION: To adjourn at 4:07 AP/RC passed unanimously		